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SUBJECT:INDIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY-
DESIGNATE MAYNES

1. AT HIS REQUEST AMBASSADOR SINGH ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF
RAJAN MARCH 18 CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE
MAYNES. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BAKER, NEA/INS KUX, AND
IO/ML KRIEBEL WERE ALSO PRESENT.

2. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SINGH'S CALL WAS TO REITERATE
INDIAN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING ITS SHARE OF IDA FUNDING AT
40 PERCENT. SINGH MADE FAMILIAR ARGUMENT THAT ACCORDING TO
IDA CRITERIA, INDIA SHOULD RECEIVE LARGER SHARE AND WAS CON-
CERNED THAT INDIA NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR ANY FURTHER RE-
DUCTIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT IF THE CRITERIA WERE TO BE CHANG-
ED, THEY SHOULD BE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.
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MAYNES, WHILE APPRECIATING INDIAN POINT SAID THAT REVIEW OF
CRITERIA NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY ONE COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT
THERE WAS REAL PROBLEM IN GETTING FUNDING FOR IDA THROUGH
U.S. CONGRESS NOT JUST IN DIVIDING UP THE AVAILABLE SUMS.
DEPARTMENT HAD ENCOUNTERED OTHER RESISTANCE AMONG KEY MEMBERS
OF CONGRESS TO FUNDING BOTH WORLD BANK AND IDA.

3. AT OUTSET OF CONVERSATION, MAYNES EMPHASIZED COMMITMENT OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO IMPORTANCE OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. MAYNES WAS ENCOURAGED BY INDICATIONS THAT UN WAS MOVING AWAY FROM EXAGGERATED CONFRONTATION OF 1974. SINGH REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH WOULD BE HEARTENING TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ON DISARMAMENT. INDIA HAS PARTICULARLY NOTED WHAT HE HAD SAID ABOUT TALKING WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ARMS RESTRAINT.

4. SINGH STATED INDIAN DESIRE TO DISCUSS MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITH U.S. AND EMPHASIZED THAT INDIA HAS WORKED FOR MODERATION WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. INDIA TOOK POSITION THAT CONFRONTATION WAS INAPPROPRIATE WHERE THERE WAS EVIDENT INTENTION ON BOTH SIDES TO WORK FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS. THIS WAS NOT PARTICULARLY POPULAR POSITION WITH SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

5. MAYNES POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN EVOLUTION OF THE U.S. POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN APPRECIATED BY MOST NON-ALIGNED STATES. BUT REPORTEDLY A FEW RADICAL COUNTRIES STILL MIGHT INSIST THAT U.S. ACCEPT UNCTAD FORMULA OR NOTHING. HE URGED THAT INDIA AT NACC MEETING PRESS FOR NACC POLICY OF CONSIDERING COMMODITIES QUESTION PRAGMATICALLY NOT IDEOLOGICALLY. REFERRING TO POLITICAL ISSUES, MAYNES ASKED WHETHER KOREA AND PUERTO RICO WERE LIKELY TO BE CONTENTIOUS SUBJECTS AT NEW DELHI NACC MEETING. SINGH THOUGHT THEY WOULD COME UP, BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD NOT POSE PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. HE THOUGHT INDIA WAS SEEKING COOPERATION FROM LIKE-MINDED STATES TO THIS END.

6. MAYNES NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME REDUCTION IN THE IMPACT OF THE ZIONISM AS RACISM EQUATION. ANYTHING WHICH INDIA COULD DO TO FURTHER THAT PROCESS WOULD BE WELCOMED, BECAUSE IT WAS ONE OF THE CHIEF OBSTACLES TO RE-ESTABLISHING A BASE OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN. SIMILARLY, THE QUESTION OF UN AGENCIES ADHERING TO THEIR OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE WAS AN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT QUESTION FOR US, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL AGENCIES. SINGH APPRECIATED THE NECESSITY FOR FAIRNESS IN THE OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

7. SINGH SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO NEW DELHI ABOUT MARCH 28 AND WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON AFTER THE NEW DELHI MEETING.
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